

Waiver Request for Title I School Improvement Grant

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) plans to submit a state application for Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding on February 8, 2010. As a part of the application, OPI will seek a waiver offered by the U.S. Department of Education regarding the use of SIG funds. The waiver we will seek is listed below. The waiver will allow an additional two years availability of the SIG funds.

We invite the public to comment on the waiver request by February 7, 2010 at 5:00 pm (MST). The comments should be limited to this specific waiver request. More information about Montana's definition of "persistently lowest achieving schools" and the list of eligible schools will be made available February 8, 2010 when the state's SIG application is submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. Comments on this waiver request may be emailed to bgranbery@mt.gov.

Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2013.